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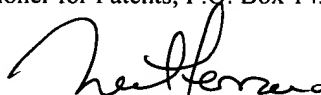
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form 1449 with cited references; and
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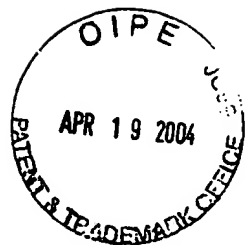
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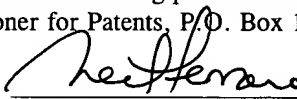
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application. The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application: International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US 03/31877 dated March 26, 2004.

The Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiners attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter relating to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Atty. Docket No.</u>
10/356,387 (Now published as US-2004-0000787-A1, cited on form 1449)	Jan. 31, 2003	Vig et al.	L00532/70032US00
10/274,456 (Now published as US-2004-0000787-A1, cited on form 1449)	Oct. 18, 2002	Vig et al.	L0532.70027US00
10/212,334 (Now published as US-2004-0023397-A1, cited on form 1449)	August 5, 2002	Vig et al.	L0532.70023US00

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

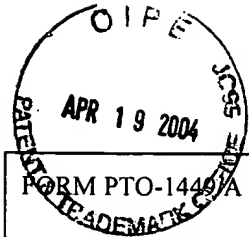
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Number	Kind Code		
	C1	5,574,790		Liang et al.	11-12-1996
	C2	6,203,069	B1	Outwater et al.	03-20-2001
	C3	2003/0112423	A1	Vig et al.	06-19-2003
	C4	2004/0000787	A1	Vig et al.	01-01-2004
	C5	2004/0023397	A1	Vig et al.	02-05-2004

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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